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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

If any documents such as search results or written opinions from international or foreign authorities are cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, they are submitted for information purposes only in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Their submission does not imply concession by Applicant(s) to any characterization of the references or opinions therein, and no such concession is made.

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- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that the following non-published pending applications be considered:

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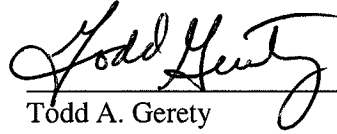
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Respectfully submitted,

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	A1	US 3,634,924 A	01/18/1972	Blake <i>et al.</i>	29	447	04/20/1970		
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<b>OTHER ART, JOURNAL ARTICLES, ETC.</b>									
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	C1	International Search Report for corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US03/34973, dated June 25, 2007 (3 pgs.).							
	C2	Written Opinion for corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US03/34973, dated June 25, 2007 (4 pgs.)							
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